IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

10. (withdrawn) A method for forming a cap for a switch comprising the steps:

molding a face portion of a first synthetic resin having a continuous top surface, a perimeter, and edges; and

molding a skirt portion of a second synthetic resin integral with the edges of the face portion and extending downward from the face portion,

thereby forming a substantially concave interior.

11. (withdrawn) The method of forming a cap of claim 10 wherein the face portion is of a light-transmitting thermoplastic resin.

12. (withdrawn) The method of forming a cap of claim 11 further comprising the step of printing at least a portion of the top surface of the face portion with an ink.

13. (withdrawn) The method of forming a cap of claim 12 wherein the ink has light transmittance less than the light-transmitting thermoplastic resin of the face portion.

14. (withdrawn) The method of forming a cap of claim 13 wherein the indicia is printed in negative-image.

15. (withdrawn) The method of forming a cap of claim 14 comprising a further step of placing a light source in proximity to the concave interior whereby the light is transmitted out the indicia of the face portion.

16. (withdrawn) The method of forming a cap of claim 15 wherein the light source is a light-emitting diode.

Claims 17-18 (canceled)

Please add the following new claims:

--19. (newly added) A cap for a switch comprising:

a rigid face portion formed of a thermoplastic first resin and having a continuous top surface and a perimeter having a plurality of edges; and

a skirt portion formed of a synthetic second resin and mechanically attached to the rigid face portion by mating with the plurality of edges of the face portion, the skirt portion extending downward from the top surface of the face portion;

wherein the mechanically-attached face portion and skirt portion define a substantially concave interior.

20. (newly added) The cap of claim 19 wherein the mating includes joinder of a male interconnecting member and a female interconnecting member.

21. (newly added) The cap of claim 19 wherein the plurality of edges of the perimeter of the face portion are formed as a plurality of tiers.

22. (newly added) The cap of claim 19 wherein the plurality of edges of the perimeter of the face portion are formed to prevent vertical movement of the mechanically-attached face portion and skirt portion with respect to one another.

23. (newly added) The cap of claim 19 wherein the mating connection includes meshing of a male interconnecting member and a female interconnecting member.

24. (newly added) The cap of claim 19 wherein the thermoplastic first resin is light-transmitting and the synthetic second resin is opaque.

25. (newly added) The cap of claim 19 further comprising a light source located in proximity to the concave interior, wherein a light path is formed from the light source through the face portion of the cap.

26. (newly added) The cap of claim 25 wherein the light source is a light-emitting diode.

27. (newly added) The cap of claim 19 wherein an indicia is printed onto the top surface of the face portion.

28. (newly added) The cap of claim 27 wherein the indicia is printed in negative-image.

29. (newly added) The cap of claim 28 wherein the indicia are printed by a sublimation process.

30. (newly added) The cap of claim 19 further comprising a shaft rigidly attached to a back surface of the face portion, the shaft adapted to engage a mechanical switch.

31. (newly added) A cap for a switch comprising:

means for providing a horizontal switch surface having indicia; and

means for mechanically attaching a skirt portion surrounding and substantially flush with the switch surface, thereby preventing vertical movement of the switch surface and skirt portion with respect to one another;

wherein a quantity of material for forming the horizontal switch surface is minimized as a result of the mechanical attachment of the switch surface and skirt portion, and wherein the cap has a concave interior portion.

32. (newly added) The cap of claim 31 wherein the means for mechanically attaching a skirt portion comprises a male interconnecting member and a female interconnecting member.

33. (newly added) The cap of claim 31 wherein the means for mechanically attaching a skirt portion comprises a plurality of mating edges formed as a plurality of tiers.

34. (newly added) The cap of claim 31 wherein the means for mechanically attaching a skirt portion comprises enmeshed pieces formed as a two shot molded structure.

35. (newly added) The cap of claim 31 wherein the horizontal switch surface is formed of a translucent thermoplastic first resin and the skirt portion is formed of an opaque synthetic second resin.

36. (newly added) The cap of claim 35 further comprising a light source located in proximity to the concave interior portion, wherein a light path is formed from the light source through the horizontal switch surface of the cap.

37. (newly added) The cap of claim 36 wherein the light source is a light-emitting diode.

38. (newly added) The cap of claim 31 wherein an indicia is printed onto the horizontal switch surface.

39. (newly added) The cap of claim 38 wherein the indicia is printed in negative-image.

40. (newly added) The cap of claim 39 wherein the indicia are printed by a sublimation process.

41. (newly added) A cap for a switch comprising:

a rigid face portion formed of a thermoplastic first resin and having a continuous top surface and a perimeter with a plurality of edges; and

a skirt portion formed of a synthetic second resin and having an inner wall member configured for interlocking with the plurality of edges on the perimeter of the face portion;

wherein mechanical attachment of the rigid face portion to the skirt portion is effected by the interlocking, and wherein the mechanically-attached face portion and skirt portion define a substantially concave interior.--